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SUBJ: CANCELLATION OF FAMILY PLANNING ORIENTATION TRIP FOR
MALAGASY OFFICIALS

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FOR: STATE-AID/PHA/POP/AFR

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, PATHFINDER FUND WAS ORGANIZING FAMILY PLANNING ORIENTATION TRIP FOR TWO MALAGASY OFFICIALS WHICH WOULD HAVE INCLUDED SHORT 9-HOUR STOP OVER IN MAURITIUS (30MAR) AND SEVERAL DAYS STAY IN THAILAND (31MAR-05APR). THIS TRIP WAS BEING SET UP AT THE REQUEST OF EMBASSY, MALAGASY DIRECTORATE OF POPULATION, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND MALAGASY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CANCEL THIS ORIENTATION TRIP FOR PRESENT TIME. THIS INFO IS BEING PASSED TO PATHFINDER HEAD-QUARTERS IN BOSTON WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY WITH LOCAL SPONSORS FOR TRIP. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF SHORT TIME BEFORE SCHEDULED TRIP, WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST ADDRESSEES NOTIFY FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS THAT ORIENTATION TRIP FOR TWO MALAGASY OFFICIALS HAS BEEN CANCELLED. FOR PORT LOUIS: B. RAMENAH, SECRETARY/MANAGER, FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION. FOR BANGKOK; DR. N. H. WRIGHT. THE POPULATION COUNCIL.

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3. PLEASE EXPRESS TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS OUR THANKS FOR EFFORTS THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE IN ORGANIZING THIS ORIENTATION TRIP AND OUR DEEP REGRETS THAT IT HAS HAD TO BE CANCELLED AT THIS LATE DATE. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY WISH VERBALLY ADD THAT REASON FOR SUDDEN CANCELLATION PROBABLY IS DESIRE AVOID INVOLVEMENT AT THIS TIME IN ISSUE WHICH COULD BECOME PUBLICLY CONTROVERSIAL. FOR BANGKOK: IT IS LIKELY POPULATION COUNCIL HAS ALREADY SET UP APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TWO MALAGASY VISITORS WITH THAI GOVT OFFICIALS. IF THIS CASE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD ASK DR. WRIGHT WHETHER HE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE EMBASSY BANGKOK INFORM THAI OFFICIALS OF CANCELLATION.
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